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From: Jenny Marie Forsythe <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:03 AM
To: Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>
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Dear Ms. Jeanine Gettle:

I am writing to express my deep outrage at the recent news that the EPA is granting 404 permitting rights to the State of Florida. I am a researcher studying on 16th-century Florida history. Already, sea level rise is washing away important cultural and historical sites along the Florida coast and threatening to wash away others. Granting 404 permitting rights to the State of Florida would accelerate these disasters.

Furthermore, it is simply wrong to grant the State of Florida power over lands and waters that are precious and sacred Seminole and Miccosukee homelands. The Miccosukee people have a right to care for and protect their precious, sacred lands and waters, and those rights must be honored and restored.

I demand that you formally consult with the Miccosukee tribe regarding 404 permitting, and that you do not grant the State of Florida assumption of 404 permitting within Federal Jurisdiction, but rather that these remain with the Army Corps of Engineers as these are federal lands.

Can you please send me an update on the EPA's efforts to consult formally consult with the Miccosukee tribe regarding 404 permitting? Can you please explain your commitment to making sure 404 permitting assumptions within Federal Jurisdiction remain with the Army Corps of Engineers?

Yours sincerely,

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